

**Office, Assistant Secretary of the Army (ALT)**  
**SUMMARY OF ACTION**

<b>To: DASA(ILS)</b>  <b>Thru:</b>  <b>Thru:</b>	<b>ACTION OFFICER: Mr. Crissup</b> <b>OFFICE SYMBOL: SAAL-LP</b> <b>PHONE NO: 703-604-7421</b> <b>DATE/TIME: 6 February 2004</b>	<b>SUSPENSE DATE</b>
		<b>CONTROL NO.</b>

**SUBJECT:** Exemption of Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Materiel and Equipment from Army Materiel Release Requirements

**RECOMMENDATION:** The DASA(ILS) approve memo next under exempting EOD from materiel release requirements.

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22 Dec 1999 HQDA policy memorandum (Encl 1 to basic correspondence) changed Army policy such that all materiel for Army use, regardless of type classification (TC) designation, would go through materiel release (MR).

7 Nov 2003 Decision Briefing presented to the DASA(ILS) by the commander, U.S. Army EOD Technical Detachment, requested exemption from MR for EOD materiel. DASA(ILS) agreed to the exemption request with the proviso that coordination between the Army Test and Evaluation Command (ATEC), the Combat Developer, and the EOD Detachment during the Assessment of Alternatives (AOA) occur. Additionally, the necessary changes to AR 700-142 be developed and included in the extant draft regulation.

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MEMORANDUM FOR

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SUBJECT: Exemption of Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Materiel and  
Equipment from Army Materiel Release Requirements

References:

a. Memorandum, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-4, dated December 22, 1999,  
Subject: Army Regulation (AR) 700-142, Materiel Release, Fielding, and Transfer  
(Enclosure 1).

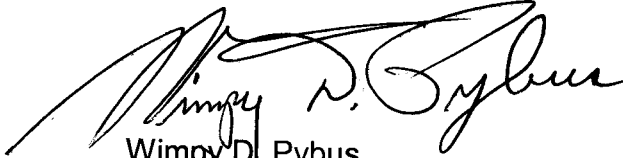
b. Decision briefing from U.S. Army Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technical  
Detachment, November 7, 2003, subject: Explosive Ordnance Disposal Material  
Release Exemption, (Enclosure 2).

Reference (a) changed Army policy to require all materiel, regardless of type  
classification, to under go the materiel release process.

Reference (b) requested EOD materiel be exempt from the materiel release  
process.

The Joint Service EOD process for materiel/equipment fielding, with the U.S.  
Navy as the executive agent, fulfills the U.S. Army requirement for determining EOD  
materiel tools and equipment are safe, operationally suitable and supportable for all  
services. Therefore, your request for exemption of EOD equipment from Army materiel  
release requirements is approved. The Army Test and Evaluation Command will  
maintain close coordination in the Joint service EOD process for materiel/equipment  
fielding. Army Regulation 700-142 will reflect this change in its next publication.

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Army Regulation (AR) 700-142 Materiel Release  
Fielding and Transfer

1. Reference memorandum from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology), 9 Nov 99, subject: U.S. Army Audit Agency (AAA) Report on Materiel Release (Encl).
2. The AAA Audit Report #AA 99-411, 30 Sep 99, on materiel release identified shortfalls in the Army's materiel release process, resulting in changes to AR 700-142. The regulation is undergoing Army-wide review and can be accessed at <http://www.lia.army.mil/dpmswork/> for immediate review.
3. The intent of this memorandum is twofold: announce several immediate changes now while AR 700-142 undergoes Army-wide staffing and inform organizations about the Materiel Release Tracking System (MRTS), which becomes operational in 20FY00. The immediate changes, effective from the date of this memorandum, are as follows:
  - a. A system will undergo materiel release approval whether or not type classification is required.
  - b. All ACAT programs will undergo materiel release approval. Exceptions to this policy will be contained in AR 700-142
  - c. A streamlined materiel release process for special development efforts such as prototypes, programs supporting Advanced Warfighting Experiments (AWE), Advanced Technology Demonstrations (ATE), Warfighting Rapid Acquisition Programs (WRAP), Advanced Concept Technology Demonstrations (ACTD), Horizontal Technology Insertion (HTI) programs, and spiral development and fast track programs has been implemented.

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Fielding, and Transfer

4. Beginning 2QFY00, all materiel release activity, starting after the assignment of a Line Item Number (LIN), will be logged into the MRTS, located at <http://aeps.ria.army.mil>, and linked to the Army Electronic Product Support (AEPS) Web site. The MRTS will track the status of all materiel release activity (full, conditional, training, urgent, and hand receipts (for the special development efforts listed in paragraph 3c)), thereby allowing for greater fielding command and gaining command cooperation, and permitting Army visibility of problem areas. From this tracking system, quarterly reports on materiel release will be provided to the senior Army leadership to ensure proper emphasis is placed on correction of deficiencies on the conditional release get-well plans. In the next quarter, further guidance on the implementation and reporting requirements of MRTS will be provided.

5. Please ensure the widest dissemination of this memorandum as possible.

6. The POCs for this effort are Mr. Larry Hill, (703) 614-7053, DSN 224-7053, E-mail: [hillw@hqda.army.mil](mailto:hillw@hqda.army.mil), and Mr. Joseph Cattelona, (703) 695-0979, DSN 225-0979, E-mail: [cattelona@hqda.army.mil](mailto:cattelona@hqda.army.mil).

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**U.S. Army Explosive Ordnance  
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**Explosive Ordnance Disposal  
Material Release Exemption**

for  
**Mr. Wimpy Pybus**  
**DASA-ILS**  
**7 November 2003**



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**Purpose**



**Obtain material release exemption for all  
Explosive Ordnance Disposal tools and  
equipment.**



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## Background



- EOD tools and equipment exempted by standing regulations.
  - AR 70-1, 5-4d(1) “limited distribution items...all EOD tools and equipment”.
  - AR 700-142 did not require MR for non-type classified equipment.
- DALO memorandum 22 Dec 99, mandated MR for equipment regardless of type classification.
- Draft AR 700-142 requires MR for EOD tools and equipment.



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## Material Release



- Draft AR 700-142 paragraph 1-1 states:

The material release process is intended to assure that Army materiel is safe, meets operational requirements and is logistically supportable before release for issue to users.



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## Joint Service EOD Process



- ✓ **Safe:** Joint Service EOD equipment is Navy Weapons System Explosives Safety Review Board (WSESRB) approved.
- ✓ **Meets Operational Requirements:** Joint Service Analysis of Alternatives Working Group develops requirement document (Army member = EOD Combat Developer).
- ✓ **Logistically Supportable:** USAEODTECHDET and EOD Combat Developer participate in Joint Service EOD Equipment Supportability IPT to ensure Army logistics requirements are addressed.



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## MR Impact



- Slows process of getting technology to the EOD field required to save EOD lives.
- Existing tools and equipment will require MR upon reprocurement.
- No Army EOD RDT&E funding line.





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## Process Improvements



- Maintain closer coordination between USAEODTECHDET, CBTDEV and ATEC during AOA to ensure requirements document addresses Army needs.
- Pursue formal Army adoption of Navy Acquisition Decision Memorandum (PEO or PM).
- Include in Memoranda of Notification (MON) projected annual maintenance costs for new equipment (after first year warranty expires).

